

Our Local Larder -Update for Food Group meeting – 30/07/20

Our Local Larder has benefited from a huge increase in interest in and demand for locally produced food due to Covid-19. Local shops have also seen a big increase in use.

Statistics

Half-yearly report for Jan-Jun 2020 attached.

Listings update

Added since last meeting

- Papa Bear Honey. Based in Invergordon but in normal circumstances has a stall at the Black Isle community markets and is stocked in local shops.
- Slainteach organic herbal teas, based in Cromarty. Available in local shops or to order online.
- Church Street Cafe, Cromarty
- Slaughterhouse Coffee & Cafe

Suppliers to be added or approached

- Highland Prime. Based in Fearn but participates in the Community Markets, delivers to the Black Isle and is currently a regular stallholder at the outdoor markets in Culbokie & N. Kessock.
- Eilean Dubh Smokehouse was contacted but did not reply. Will recontact in person once markets resume.
- Pro-Fish. Based in Aviemore but have a weekly fish van covering the Black Isle and currently a regular stallholder at the outdoor markets in Culbokie & N. Kessock.
- Scrabster Fish van has a weekly fish van covering the Black Isle.
- Capability Brown, North Kessock. Home catering service. Only offering an occasional service at the moment. Will contact when up and running more regularly.
- Crofters Cafe has reopened under new management. Contact made but no reply. Will visit in person when conditions allow.
- Chanterelle now running the Fortrose Golf Restaurant. Will contact to gauge interest though currently open for takeaway only.

- RK Shellfish – has not yet decided how the business will operate now that restrictions are eased but would be interested in inclusion if he continues to supply the local market.

Listings deleted

- Keltic Seafare no longer in business.

Promotion

- Regular updates during the pandemic on suppliers, retailers, fish vans and cafes/restaurants have been compiled and marketed via the website News and Facebook. Joining FB groups such as Black Isle Noticeboard has allowed us to reach a wider audience.
- Business cards printed just in time to coincide with lockdown... Will be distributed when Covid-19 regulations allow.
- A5 poster to be produced using Canva. Did someone mention that we now have a volunteer with graphic/creative skills?